

WESTHAMPNETT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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My Lords and Gentlemen.—

In my last year's report I drew attention to the Insanitary condition of Apuldram and Fishbourne arising from the Chichester Outfall. The condition during the year has been most insanitary, and the works have been carried on in a manner which I have thought most reprehensible —

A greater part of the sewage has been discharged into the Lavant almost in a pure state, and the salt water has been allowed to enter the Apuldram sluice for the purpose of conveying the sewage into the Harbour.

The result of this has been that the sewage has been carried over the Apulham road towards Bichester.

There is now an action at law pending so I must refrain from saying too much —

The only remark I will make is that I congratulate myself that I drew special attention to this in my last year's report. —

The warning which your body issued against the cockles being taken from the Bichester Harbour in 1899, I am sorry to say was disobeyed by some people and fish were taken to Portsmouth with sad results.

The rest of the district has been free from preventive diseases saving and except in the case of the Savant Home where washing is taken in.

At this House some seven cases of Scarlet Fever occurred among the girls, from some clothes being sent from a house in Bkichester where the Scarlet Fever was present and the inmates were in the peeling stage —

The lucky arrangement here was that all the girls ~~were~~ in the House were not stricken down and that none of the children succumbed to the disease —

The whole of the district has been well inspected by my Inspectors and myself —

The suggestions made by me have generally been acquiesced in with readiness —

I might say there is one exception in the case at Walberton — perhaps time may alter this. —

My Inspectors were altered in their duties in the course of the year, and ~~The~~ Inspector has been appointed

The new Inspector has attended to his duties in a very businesslike manner and does not seem to

mind taking trouble, and also seems to have the right amount of stamina for his work—

The number of cases notified have been 67—

Last year it was 87 and the year before 127—

This I think is good—

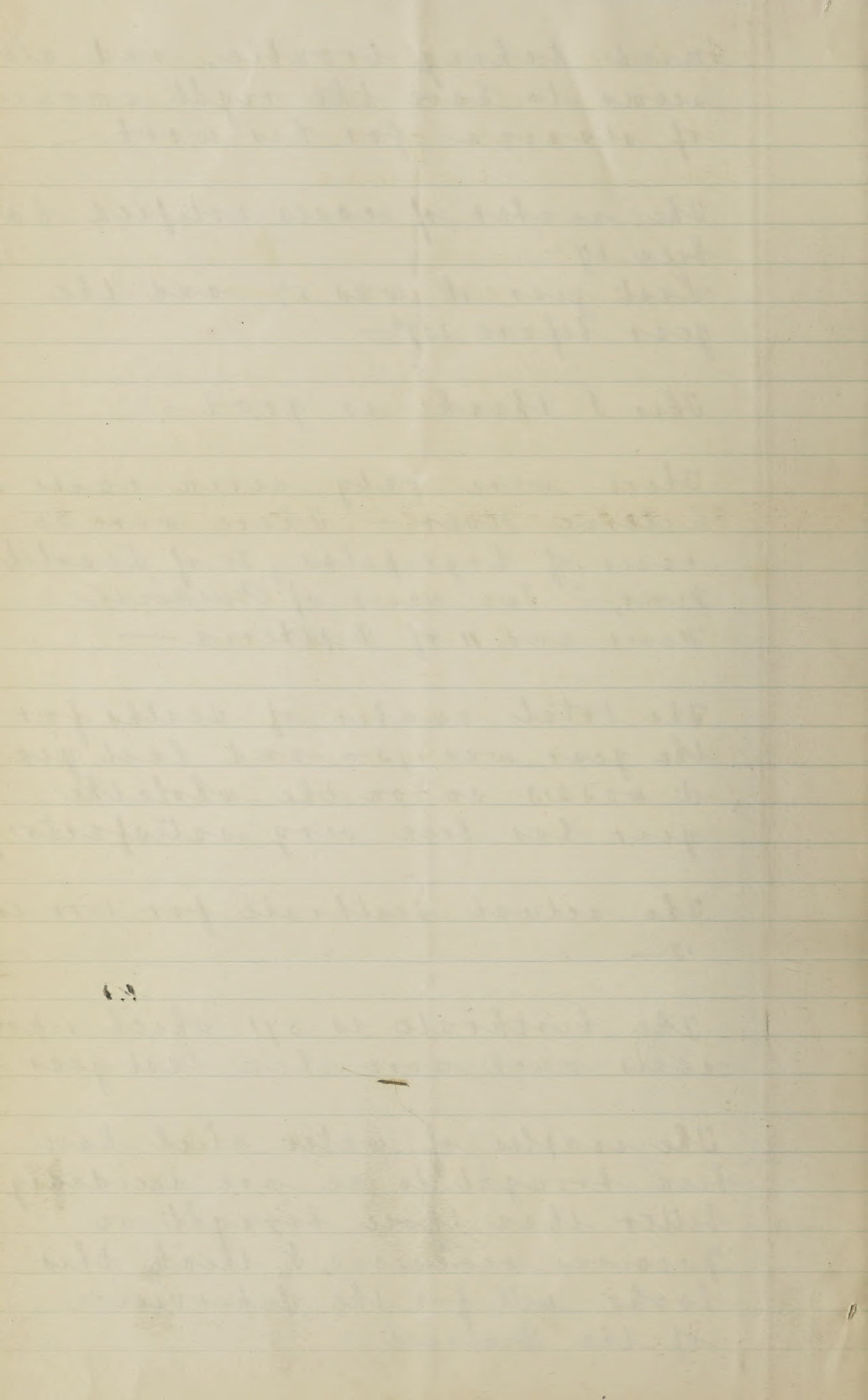
There were only seven cases of Enteric Fever— There were 26 cases of Erysipelas, 20 of Scarlet Fever,— Two cases of Purpural Fever and 11 of Diphtheria.—

The total number of deaths for the year was 192— and last year it was 213— so on the whole the year has been very satisfactory

The actual deathrate for 1000 is 13—

The birthrate is 371 which represents much more than last year—

The samples of water which have been brought to me are decidedly better than those brought on previous occasions, I think this looks well for the Supervision of the District.



I have one special feature to draw attention to and that is the removal of one gipsy from Mundham common. —

This will make a good precedent for future occasions —

The necessity of an Infectious Hospital for the district seems to be asked for monthly — I trust soon some steps may be taken to provide one —

I must close my report with apologies for being so late in returning it — but most of the Rural District Council know that I have been much engaged every night for the last few weeks —

I beg to remain
Your Obedient Servant
A. Brink

